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REMARKS

After entry of this amendment, claims 11-13, 16, 20-22, 24, 33, 34, 38-40, and 47-55 are pending. The claims have been amended without prejudice or disclaimer and find support inter alia in the original claims. The amendments to claim 11, 20, 22, 24, 47, 53, and 54 find further support in the specification, for example, at page 15 paragraph [038], at page 21 paragraph [049]. No new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the above claim amendments as it is believed to put the claims in condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for consideration on appeal. Thus, entry under 37 CFR §1.116 is correct.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview of July 8, 2010.

In light of the amendments and arguments of record, Applicants submit that all the rejections contained in the Office Action dated December 23, 2009 and in the Advisory Action dated June 8, 2010 have been addressed and that the application is in condition for allowance or appeal. If any outstanding issues remain, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants herewith petition the Director of the USPTO for a one (1) month extension of time from the period for response following the filing of the Notice of Appeal, to and including July 24, 2010. Applicants include with this response the required fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1). Applicants believe no other fee is due, but if Applicants are mistaken, any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 12810-00379-US, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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